FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

THE TWO REEDBIRDS.

A Little Fable In Which May Be Found a Valuable Lesson.

The fall of the year was well nigh its close. Each fitful gust brought in its van flocks of belated songsters, sweeping onward toward their winter haunts in the south.

There is one bird, however, that lingers long among the marshes of the north. It is the "reedy," as he is called by the boys. One morning two reedies left their feeding ground and directed their course as if in quest of a more tempting one farther inland. You might have fancied from the larger one's cautions, leisurely flight that he was the wiser and more temperate, and that the other was heedless and extravagant.

Soon they arrived at a pleasant valley. Winding its way through the low lying meadows, which already seemed to wither as if in dread of the coming frost, there flowed a sluggish stream. The birds regaled themselves for a time on the dainties that the beds of swamp grass scattered at intervals along the bank had to afford them.

The one of the calm disposition behaved at his meal as if he were not wholly taken up with the demands of a ravenous craw. The other, however, was different, and so absorbed was he in eating that he did not hear the shrill "tweet, tweet," of his companion.

The note was uttered as in alarm at some unwelcome news that the wind brought him. Flakes of snow fell down gently on the ground, and still the feathered gormand worked away with his bill. The snow increased; the wind swayed the banks of tall grass in the marsh until they fairly groaned beneath the blasts.

Then the thoughtless bird, awakened to a sense of his danger, tried in vain to fly. A victim to his greed, he was frozen by the cold, and found a swampy grave.

His brother, the philosopher, roosted that night under the eave of a southern manor house, lamenting in his reveries the fate of his greedy companion.

So from this fable learn the lesson of ever heeding the voice of discretion. —Philadelphia Times.

A Spanish Boy Editor.

There lives in New York a lad of 15 who holds some very decided opinions upon the right of Cuba to be a free country. This is an important question just now, and it will probably not be settled for some time to come. The young man previously mentioned has settled the matter to his own satisfac-

SENOR ARTURO BALDASANO, JR.

tion, and what he says on the subject is interesting, even if you do not agree with his views, as many persons will not, as he is decidedly favorable to the side of Spain. The young philosopher is Senor Arturo Baldasano, Jr., and he is the eldest son of General A. Baldasano, the Spanish consul in New York. Young Baldasano, together with the other young folks of his family, issues a weekly newspaper called El Mundo, which is circulated throughout the Spanish colony of this city.—New York Recorder.

Girls Out of School.

Those girls who are just leaving school will for awhile rejoice in their freedom, though it is to be hoped that there are some among you who will feel just a tinge of regret at saying goodby to the familiar round of duties. The ambitions, who are preparing for college or a profession, will be busy and, therefore, happy and contented, but the others, those who have nothing definite in mind, will do well to consider the advice of a celebrated physician who says: "Get a hobby. If you cannot find pleasure in geology, natural history, astronomy, collect old china, make scrapbooks or albums. You need some such interest in order to keep you in health." Reading is not enough, household work, unless you set out to do some one thing and aim constantly to accomplish it, will not satisfy. Society success will please you least of all, you thoughtful girls. Charity, if well directed, by those who know its pitfalls, is admirable, but girls just out of school cannot undertake philanthropy on their own account with any hope of being of much use to the community.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Estelle's Astronomy.

Our little Estelle
Was perplexed when she found
That this wonderful world
That we live on is round.

How 'tis held in its place
In its orbit so true
Was a puzzle to her,
With no answer in view.

"It must be," said Estelle,
"Like a ball in the air
That is hung by a string,
But the string isn't there."
—Della Hart Stone in St. Nicholas.

His Motto.

A boy walked into a merchant's office the other day in search of a situation. After being put through a catechism by the merchant, he was asked, "Well, my lad, and what is your motto?"

"Same as yours, sir," he replied; "same as you have on your door, 'Push.'"

He was engaged.—Pearson's Weekly.

In an article on "Some Social Graces" Ruth Ashmore, in The Ladies' Home Journal, writes of the guest and host, etiquette of invitations, of the table, wedding customs and various minor social points. To the woman who is the guest at a friend's home she thus advises: "If your visit is to be one of several days or weeks, you must make your hostess, if she has not been wise enough to state it in her invitation, understand in your answer not only exactly what time you will arrive, but exactly the day and hour when you will leave, and you will show great wisdom if, no matter how much you are enjoying yourself, you refuse to prolong your visit. During your stay you must find everything pleasant that your hostess arranges for you. Ask no special service of a servant. You must neither expect nor ask that your laundry be done in the house, and you must take great care not to leave the dainty toilet table or the pretty room in disorder. After you return to your home you should write a letter to the lady you have been visiting, thanking her for all the kindness she has shown you and sending your regards to the members of her household."

A Woman Astronomer.

Miss Mary Proctor delivered her one hundredth lecture on astronomy recently in Cooper Union, from the same platform on which her distinguished father spoke years ago on the same branch of science. Miss Proctor's success is very pleasing to those who gave her encouragement at the outset of her career. It was Mr. George W. Childs who started Miss Proctor on the road to success, just as he started scores of others. Her experience ought to be a lesson and inspiration to others of her sex who have the talent and the ambition to strike out for themselves in a new field of endeavor. I remember Miss Proctor's first lecture distinctly. She considered it a dismal failure and she was almost discouraged and ready to give up, but a few words of cheer from Mr. Childs and others gave her new heart. She tried again, gained confidence in herself and is now alone among women in her chosen field. —New York Letter.

Julia Ward Howe.

Julia Ward Howe is of Huguenot ancestry. She early showed her literary trend, publishing her first volume of poems, which followed somewhat extensive foreign travel, in 1852. She is best known by her "Battle Hymn of Freedom," written in Washington in the fall of 1861. In 1867, with her husband, she visited Greece, where they won the gratitude of the Greeks for their aid in the struggle for national independence. In 1868 she joined the woman suffrage movement, and by pen and voice has been influential in that cause, as well as those of prison reform, national and international arbitration. She has served as president of the Association For the Advancement of Woman for several years, and her life is still one round of ceaseless activity. Mrs. Howe is the most representative pioneer in the department of American literature as connected with woman's progress.

Harken, Women Who Wear Aigrets!

The aigret, so much affected by women in head decorations at the present time, is made of the slender, decomposed dorsal feathers of the small white aigret, or heron. These feathers form the bird's nuptial ornament, being acquired at the pairing time and shed when the breeding is over. The bird inhabits heronries, and it is in the breeding season that they are sought for by the feather hunters. It is then, too, that their anxiety for the safety of their young makes them fearless of the gunners, the instinct of self preservation being overmastered by the love of their offspring. As they hover in a white cloud over the heads of the hunters they are shot down without trouble, and when the few ornamental feathers have been plucked from each bird the carcasses are thrown down in a heap to fester in the sun, and the fledgelings are left to starve in the nests! —Westminster Gazette.

Mme. Marie Cornelius.

Mme. Marie Cornelius, a well known painter of flowers and still life, has lately been the recipient of several distinguished honors. The French government has bought one of her pictures for one of the national museums, and has awarded her the purple of the Academical Palmes. Mme. Cornelius painted the exquisite fan which was Mme. Adam's offering to the Russian bazaar, lately held in the imperial palace at St. Petersburg, and which was purchased by the empress herself. Mme. Cornelius is an Alsatian by birth, but having left her country when it fell under German power, has now established herself in Paris, at 158 Rue St. Jacques, where in her studio she displays a collection of oil painted flowers which make her rank as a successful rival to Madeleine Lemaire.

Hetty Green's New Gown.

Hetty Green, who has ever been criticised for her "sloppy weather" appearance, has blossomed out into a spick and span new woman. She appeared in court the other day clad in the latest cut of flowing skirt, and otherwise decked in up to date attire. The reporters state distinctly that Mrs. Green's new departure in the matter of dress has taken 20 years from her apparent age. This is indeed a change that should be far more grateful to the soul of the ordinary woman than any possible addition of greater wealth to great wealth. —New York Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch.

Lady Churchill on Skates.

The last we heard of Lady Randolph Churchill, says a New York exchange, she was winning universal admiration because of her fine cycling. Now word reaches this side of the Atlantic that she is the object of keenest admiration when on skates. It appears that her ladyship learned the art of perfect grace on the ice while in Canada, and that she has not since lost so much as one jot. At the rink in London recently she was seen in company with the champion skater of the world, and even under such circumstances her grace and art won universal plaudits.

Lady Aberdeen.

Lady Aberdeen is a constant attendant on the sessions of the parliament in Ottawa. She occupies a place beside the speaker in the house of commons. Dressed in purple velvet, she is a familiar figure there. But though greatly interested in the debates, as she must be, "her excellency," as she is styled, while intensely listening, is as unimpressionable and unencouraging a listener as can well be imagined. She sits without any change of countenance, no matter what the subject discussed or how fervid the oratory.

An Old Newspaper Woman.

Miss Frances Power Cobbe, who recently celebrated her seventy-third birthday, was the first woman to do regular office work on the editorial staff of a London daily. When the Echo was first started, Miss Cobbe attended every other day to write leaders and notes, generally on social subjects. She was known as an author long before she was a journalist.

Mrs. Cleveland's Hospitality.

The universal popularity of Mrs. Cleveland is due in no small degree to her graceful concentrated attention to whomsoever she is speaking. Her look is direct and hospitable. She exchanges greetings with the one who addresses her, and for a moment that guest seems the only one who fills her mind. I believe Mrs. Cleveland does this subconsciously, for a certain sincere, honest quality in her temperament and character is apparent in her naturalness and absolute avoidance of pretense and affectations. Then, too, although firm, she desires to hurt no one's feelings.

Many a hostess bids two or three goodbys at once, "spattering" words in all directions, exclaiming, "So glad you've come," etc., and casting flighty glances hither and thither. Of course she has no magnetism. Her words are scarcely convincing, and her hospitable glances are not sufficiently concentrated to be reassuring. This error is another social pitfall, however. The well bred woman, knowing this manner is proper and winning, assumes it.

She cheats a few, but not any one who is worth deceiving. Returning to the fact of the latest discovery of science, there is a spiritual "cathode ray" that beams from the soul of the honest student of life, whose heart is pure and kind, whose brain is keen and alert, whose hand is active and quick, that mirrors the deceits and follies of pretenders just as clearly as the electric ray does coins in purses. Emerson meant this long ago when in "Social Aims" he wrote: "Don't say things. What you are stands over you the while and thunders so I cannot hear what you say to the contrary."—Exchange.

Girls In Cuba.

A Cuban girl's life is very restricted, and she is never allowed to go out alone or receive callers of the other sex, except in the presence of her chaperon or some member of her family. If during her childhood she attends a day school, a maid or some family servant takes her there every day, and she cannot go as short a distance as across the street unaccompanied.

In some instances Spanish customs are absurd and incongruous. Every well fitted establishment in Cuba is provided with a concierge, to guard the entrance and admit callers. This man, usually an ignorant peasant, sometimes escorts the young ladies of the family he is serving, and that is considered perfectly proper, whereas it would not be proper for them to go out attended by a gentleman, even if he were old enough to be their father, and an old friend of the family as well.

Of late years, however, the frequent intercourse between Cuba and the United States has somewhat modified the customs. For instance, two ladies can now go out alone in Havana in the daytime, which would have been considered an unheard of and almost shocking proceeding a few years ago.

The social pastimes a girl enjoys in Cuba consist of balls, parties, concerts, receptions, the theater and opera and picnics, for Cubans have adopted this American diversion, although in a modified form, to suit the requirements of Cuban etiquette.

Woman's Disadvantages.

The obstacles in the way of a woman fitting herself for self support were recently illustrated by the case of a young girl who wished to go to college. She and her twin brother had been brought up by an aunt in strained circumstances, and the only way to obtain a college education seemed to be to borrow money. Both had inherited exceptional intellects and both desired to enter professions. It would have taken years to earn the money for a college course, though with the help of the higher education the sum borrowed could in all probability be soon paid. Of the two the girl had the more brilliant mind, yet her brother had no trouble in borrowing the required sum, while to her surprise and chagrin nobody would lend her a cent.

The friends to whom she applied either took the ground that a college education was for a girl in her position as unwarranted a luxury as diamonds or a maid, or they said in effect: "You are too charming a girl not to marry, and you will never need a college degree. It might even delay the happy event, and we could not have that on our conscience."

"But," demurely urged the girl, "suppose I should prepare to marry by carefully preserving my present attractive ignorance, and then suppose I shouldn't be married after all?" She succeeded at last in finding the help she needed, but it took her six months to do what her brother had done in a day.—Exchange.

Women Police Matrons.

One of the stock arguments against equal suffrage has been that if women vote some women must hold office. But it is becoming more and more evident that the good of the community requires some women to hold office. The Baltimore Sun, the conservative mouthpiece of a highly conservative city, says editorially:

"Mayor Hooper's suggestion that there should be a woman on the board of visitors to the almshouse and one on the jail board is excellent and should be carried out. Both institutions would be improved by having a woman among those authorized to scrutinize their management and to look after the moral and physical condition and treatment of the female inmates. Matrons at the police stations were regarded as a doubtful innovation when first suggested, but the wisdom and humanity of the policy were speedily demonstrated. Whether woman's realm properly extends to political affairs is a question still very much in dispute. But there can be no question that it is not bounded by the confines of the household, and that she is not only a valuable but a necessary auxiliary in public work such as that proposed by the mayor. There is not only room but an imperative demand for her in this field, and the sooner she is generally employed in it the better it will be for civilization and the world."

A Lesson In Politics.

The Civic club of Philadelphia has lately received a sharp lesson in the difficulty of getting women elected even to positions where they are urgently needed for the public good so long as women have no votes. In December the club addressed a letter to prominent members of the Republican and Demo-

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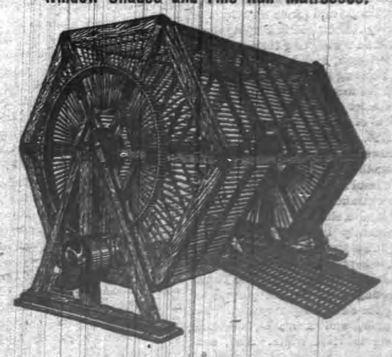

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Bloomfield Township Committee.

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Chairman Stout asked if any person present desired to protest against property being included or excluded from the proposed city.

The only objector was Frank S. Benson, who informed the Committee that as a land owner he protested. His objections were in the following form:

MARCH 12, 1896.

I, Frank S. Benson, a land owner in the Borough of Glen Ridge and a land owner in the Township of Bloomfield, in Essex County, appearing for the purpose of making a complaint that in laying out the district purporting to be described in a notice published by G Lee Stout, chairman of the Township Committee of Bloomfield, territory has been both unreasonably included and unreasonably excluded from said district, do protest against the consideration of these matters by this meeting, because

First, The notice published does not state in what county the proposed district as described is located.

Second, If it is presumed to be situated in the County of Essex it purports to include the territory of the Borough of Glen Ridge, which, under the statute by virtue of which those proceedings purport to be taken, cannot be included in the proposed city.

Third, No notice has in fact been given to the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge to attend the meeting to consider these matters, and because in fact no member of the Borough Council is in attendance.

The complaint which I desire to submit to the meeting legally constituted under the statute is as follows:

1. That the territory of the Borough of Glen Ridge is sought to be included in the district as described: If said district is located in the County of Essex, said Borough having a more highly organized government in every particular than that provided by the act under which these proceedings purport to have been taken, and is therefore unreasonably included.

2. Because a small section of the Township of Bloomfield is excluded from the district as described, if located in the County of Essex and is subjected to the necessity of maintaining a separate corporate township government at an unnecessarily large expense; and is therefore unreasonably excluded.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Haskell, that an election for the incorporation of the district as a city of the third class be held on Tuesday, March 31st. It was passed unanimously by a yes and nay vote. The resolution was put in the hands of the Township Counsel for revision and publication. It is understood that there will be four polling places, one to be in Glen Ridge, on the Darwin lot, corner of Ridgewood Avenue and Snowden Place, no hall or building being obtainable in the Borough.

After passing the resolution the Committee went into executive session to consider the 500-foot franchise of the North Jersey Street Railway on Bloomfield Avenue. Halsey M. Barrett, Counsel for the company, was present. No information from the Clerk could be obtained as to what was done. It was learned, however, upon what would be called good authority, that a satisfactory compromise had been arranged in regard to transfers in Newark. The company is willing to give transfers to any part of Newark for two cents additional, and from any part of Broad Street in Newark to Bloomfield for five cents. The Committee will hold a meeting next Monday night and give the citizens a chance to be heard in regard to the uniting of the rails on this basis, or they must "forever after hold their peace."

A Trolley Accident.

Dayton Haight, the eight year old son of Charles Haight, while returning from the Berkeley Public School on Bloomfield Avenue Tuesday afternoon, was struck by No. 430 of the Consolidated Traction Company as he was crossing the avenue to go to his home in the Brick Row. The lad was thrown about ten feet in the air and landed on the fender of the car. Haight was badly cut about the head. One of his legs was also severely injured. Dr. Shelton, the attending physician, said that while no bones were broken the boy was badly injured. The lad was carried to his home by conductor and motorman. The former said it was impossible for him to stop his car in time to prevent the accident. One account has that the boy had his weight between the trucks and the platform and could not free himself. Another account has that the boy jumped on the car some down the hill at a rate of twenty miles an hour.